

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: A42B-3/04 A63B-69/00 A63B-71/10 G01C-9/00 G08B-21/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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CPC: 33/113 2/71 to 2/73.1 273/70 to 273/74 273/77

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

WEST, ESP@CENET, Canadian Patent Database, and Internet

Keywords: helmet, sensor, position and safety

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
X	US 6331168 B1 (CREATIVE SPORTS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.) December 18, 2001 Whole document	1-20
X	US 5916181 B1 (CREATIVE SPORTS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.) June 29, 1999 Whole document	1-20
A	US 2002060633 A1 (CRISCO, III et al.) May 23, 2002 Whole document	1-20

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☒ See patent family annex.

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"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of the first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely :
2. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :
3. ☐ Claim Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

Group A: Claims 1-14 are directed to an electronic safety device comprising a position sensor for sensing the position of the head of a user and providing a signal indicative of the head position, a processor connectable to the position sensor for receiving the indicative signal, for determining if the head is in an unsafe position and for producing a signal qualifying the determination and an indicator connectable to the processor for receiving the signal qualifying the determination and subsequently indicating, and a method for using such device;

Group B: Claims 15-18 are directed to a method for operating an electronic safety device comprising the steps of determining whether or not the device is in use and switching on or maintaining an active mode for the device if it is determined that the device is in use; and

Group C: Claims 19 and 20 are directed to a sport-specific helmet comprising a shell providing a main cavity, a layer of padding lining the inside of the main cavity, and an electronic device for determining and indicating that a head is in an unsafe position.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claim Nos. :
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claim Nos. :

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.